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TAGS: OREP (VANIK, CHARLES A)

SUBJECT: CODEL VANIK

REFERENCE: MOSCOW 13992

1. WE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVE VANIK TODAY TO DISCUSS CODEL'S MOSCOW VISIT. VANIK APPRECIATES THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTIONS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE CONTAINED REFTEL AND WILL BE GUIDED BY EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS THROUGHOUT VISIT. HE NOT INTERESTED IN PUBLICITY - ONLY IN SERIOUS MEETINGS WITH RESPONSIBLE SOVIET OFFICIALS WHOM HE HOPES HE CAN CONVINCE OF HIS EARNEST DESIRE TO PROMOTE IMPROVED TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND THE USSR.

2. IN THAT CONTEXT HE DOES INTEND TO TRY AND IMPRESS UPON THE SOVIETS THE SENSE OF DEEP CONVICTION IN THE CONGRESS WHICH ATTENDS THE JEWISH EMIGRATION QUESTION. HE WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE A SOLUTION WHICH HE CAN SUPPORT IN THE CONGRESS, BUT ANY ADJUSTMENT WILL REQUIRE, HE SAID, UNILATERAL SOVIET EASING OF JEWISH EMIGRATION. A RETURN TO THE 1974 LEVEL WOULD BE IDEAL IN HIS OPINION. THEN, VANIK ADDED, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PASS AN AMENDMENT THROUGH THE HOUSE, NOTING THE SOVIET ACTION, AND DISPENSING WITH THE NEED FOR "ASSURANCES." (TONIGHT VANIK IS CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTENDING ALKHIMOV RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY.)

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3. WHILE IN MOSCOW HE WILL SEEK EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH ALEXANDER LUNTZ WHO IS ONLY REMAINING FAMILY MEMBER OF ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT FAMILIES IN HIS DISTRICT. HE HAS ALREADY SO ADVISED SOVIET EMBASSY. VANIK HOPES THE USSR WILL PERMIT LUNTZ'S REUNIFICATION WITH HIS FAMILY HERE ON COMPASSIONATE BASIS. WE HAVE ALREADY ADVISED SOVIET CHARGE VASEEV ABOUT VANIK'S INTEREST IN LUNTZ CASE AND IN SEEING HIM. WE ALSO ASSURED VASEEV THAT VANIK IS HOPING FOR A QUIET PRIVATE VISIT AND DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK PUBLICITY ON THIS MATTER, NOR IN FACT DURING HIS VISIT PER SE. KISSINGER

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